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Caltrans Awards \$66 Million in Safe Routes to School Funding

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Caltrans today awarded \$66 million to several cities, counties and regional agencies for 139 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects to improve safety for students in grades K-8 who walk and bicycle to and from school.

“By improving safety, more children are encouraged to walk and bicycle to school, ultimately resulting in healthier children and less traffic congestion,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The funding was provided by the federal SRTS program. Since its inception in 2005, Caltrans has awarded \$156 million for 356 SRTS projects.

Some of the notable projects in this region that received funding include:

- **Lompoc** -- \$790,000 to construct sidewalks, curb ramps and turn-outs at various locations and provide extra traffic enforcement and education in several school zones.
- **Santa Barbara City and County** -- \$575,000 to construct sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian islands and safety lighting at Cleveland Elementary, Patterson Road Elementary and Orcutt Middle School.
- **Santa Cruz City and County** -- \$1.1 million to construct sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian islands and provide extra traffic enforcement and bicycle/pedestrian education at several elementary schools.

Caltrans works closely with a diverse group of state, local and regional stakeholders representing transportation, health, education, law enforcement and bicycle/pedestrian advocates.

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